

Air Force Awards and Decorations



Silver/Bronze Stars

The bronze star represents participation in campaigns or operations, multiple qualifications or an additional award to any of the various ribbons on which it is authorized. The silver star is worn in the same manner as the bronze star, but each silver star is worn in lieu of five bronze service stars. When worn together on a single ribbon, the silver star(s) will be worn to the wearer's right of any bronze star(s).



Silver/Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters

The bronze oak leaf cluster represents second and subsequent entitlements of awards. The silver oak leaf cluster represents sixth, 11th, etc., entitlements or in lieu of five bronze oak leaf clusters. Silver oak leaf clusters are worn to the wearer's right of the bronze oak leaf clusters on the same ribbon.



Antarctica Service Medal Clasp (and disc)

The Antarctica Service Medal Clasp, bearing the words "Wintered Over," is only worn on the medal's suspension ribbon. The discs are authorized for people who stayed on the continent during winter months.



Arabic Numerals

Arabic numerals are worn on the Armed Forces Reserve medal to denote participation in additional contingencies.



Arctic Service Device

The "A" device, when worn with oak leaf clusters, is worn to the wearer's right of such clusters. The device is worn with the Air Force Overseas Ribbon - Short Tour and is authorized for people who completed a short tour north of the Arctic Circle.



Germany and Japan Clasp



Good Conduct Medal Clasp



Medal of Honor



Hourglass Device

The hourglass is worn with the Armed Forces Reserve Medal in bronze for 10 years of service, silver for 20 years and gold for 30 years.



M Device

The "M" device is worn with the Armed Forces Reserve Medal to denote active duty status for at least one day during a contingency.



The Valor Device

The "V" device represents valor and does not denote an additional award. Only one may be worn on any ribbon.



Valor Devices and Clusters

The "V" device, when worn on the same ribbon with clusters, is worn to the wearer's right of such clusters.



Plane Device

The device is worn with the Army of Occupation Medal to denote service of 90 consecutive days in direct support of the Berlin Airlift (June 26, 1948, to Sept. 30, 1949).



Arrowhead

The arrowhead denotes participation in a combat parachute jump, combat glider landing or amphibious assault landing. The arrowhead points up and is worn to the wearer's right of any service stars.

* Also awarded with gold, silver or bronze devices. The gold frame on the ribbon denotes a unit citation; without, an individual citation.



Air Force Cross



Defense Superior Service Medal



Bronze Star



Air Medal



Joint Service Achievement Medal



Air Force Outstanding Unit Award



Air Force Good Conduct Medal



Air Force Recognition Ribbon



Euro-African-Middle Eastern Campaign



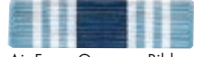
National Defense Service Medal



Vietnam Service Medal



Humanitarian Service Medal



Air Force Overseas Ribbon Long Tour



Air Force Recruiter Ribbon



Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon



Philippine Independence Ribbon



United Nations Service Medal



Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal



Defense Distinguished Service Medal



Legion of Merit



Purple Heart



Aerial Achievement Medal



Air Force Achievement Medal



Air Force Organizational Excellence Award



Good Conduct Medal



American Defense Service Medal



World War II Victory Medal



Korean Service Medal



Southwest Asia Service Medal



Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal



Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon



Armed Forces Reserve Medal



Air Force Training Ribbon



Philippine Presidential Unit Citation



United Nations Medal



Kuwait Liberation Medal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



Distinguished Service Medal



Distinguished Flying Cross



Defense Meritorious Service Medal



Joint Service Commendation Medal



Presidential Unit Citation



Prisoner of War Medal



Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal



American Campaign Medal



Army of Occupation Medal



Antarctica Service Medal



Kosovo Campaign Medal



Air and Space Campaign Medal



Air Force Longevity Service Award



USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon



Philippine Defense Ribbon



Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation



NATO Medal for Yugoslavia



Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait



Silver Star



Airman's Medal



Meritorious Service Medal



Air Force Commendation Medal



Joint Meritorious Unit Award



Combat Readiness Medal



Outstanding Airman of the Year Ribbon



Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal



Medal for Humane Action



Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal



Armed Forces Service Medal



Air Force Overseas Ribbon Short Tour



Air Force Basic Military Training Instructor Ribbon



USAF Basic Military Training Honor Graduate Ribbon



Philippine Liberation Ribbon



RVN Gallantry Cross with Palm*



NATO Medal for Kosovo



Republic of Korea Korean War Service Medal